Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know what was the difference noticed in the quantity of earthwork on inspection by the Chief Engineer and that submitted in the Audit Reports of the Assistant Engineer?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The difference noticed was about Rs. 1,500 worth of earthwork.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.— Was any action taken against the Assistant Engineer?

President.—It is a matter under consideration.

Mr. C. A Kunjunni Raja.—At what stage is that consideration?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I submitted a report to Government and it is kept confidential.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Was any action taken against the Assistant Engineer ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That is under consideration.

Keeping of accounts by toddy shop-keepers.

269. Mr. K. T. Mathew.— Will the Government be pleased to mention that as promised by the Superintendent of Excise in the Legislative Council on 16th Karkadagam 1101, the question "whether toddy shop-keepers also should be made to maintain accounts as in the case of arrack shop-keepers" has been considered and if so, what steps have been taken in the matter, and if no steps have been taken, what is the reason for it ?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—The matter was considered. It was found very difficult to get correct accounts maintained in toddy shops.

Lease of the Tramway.

270. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(a) whether the Tramway Engineer Mr. King has applied to the Government for leasing the Tramway to him ;

(b) what are the terms proposed by him ;

(c) what has been done with his proposal for taking the Tramway on lease ;

(d) when was the proposal received by the Government?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Copy of the terms is placed on the Council Table.

(c) Government thought it inexpedient and inadvisable to lease the Tramway and decided to work it as a Government concern.

(d) 25th May 1928.

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